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Mississippi Shrimp Season Opens June 9

BILOXI, Miss.—The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of shrimp season in Mississippi waters for **Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at 6 a.m.** This action is being taken following four weeks of intensive shrimp sampling in Mississippi waters.

The legal minimum size for shrimp in Mississippi is 68 shrimp per pound. This minimum average size is used as a standard for determining the opening date. Certain areas may be closed to shrimping activity if sampling indicates that a large number of small shrimp have moved into a particular area.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the DMR are to be in full force and effect, and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from the waters of Mississippi must be legally licensed.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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